

committed to both spiritual leadership and community development and transformed the church's Labor Day celebration into a job fair for the unemployed. He created an outreach center for the poor, 40 specialized ministries, and a Christian day school for children from kindergarten to fourth grade.

In 1988, Rev. Dr. Bryant was named Bishop of the AME Church's 14th Episcopal District, which included 101 churches in West Africa and shortly added the 10th District, including Texas and the Southwest. In 2000, he was named bishop of the Fifth District, which included 200,000 church members in 14 Western States. In 2008, he was appointed senior bishop and president prelate of the Fourth Episcopal District, which includes much of the Midwest and Canada.

Bishop Bryant's wife, the Reverend Dr. Cecilia Bryant, has been an integral partner in his ministry. She founded the AME Church in the Republic of Ivory Coast, cofounded the AME Church in India, and is currently serving alongside her husband as supervisor of the church's Fourth Episcopal District. Their children, the Reverend Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant, pastor of Baltimore's Empowerment Temple, and Dr. Thelma Bryant-Davis, a psychologist, poet, dancer, and minister, continue the family tradition of spiritual leadership.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bishop John R. Bryant on 50 years of ministry in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He has built a legacy of outstanding leadership, and he has delivered a message of social reform and economic justice in Baltimore, in Maryland, throughout our Nation, and around the world.●

RECOGNIZING THE 11TH STREET FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES CENTER

● Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, on January 17, 2012, I visited to the 11th Street Family Health Services Center of Drexel University. The Center is located in north Philadelphia, PA, and provides outpatient health care services to one of the most underserved communities in the city. As we work to ensure that all Americans have access to quality, affordable health care, the 11th Street Family Health Services Center serves as a model that is both innovative and effective, and I wish to highlight its efforts today.

The Center was born out of a partnership between the College of Nursing at MCP/Hahnemann University, now Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions, and the Philadelphia Housing Authority to address the community's health concerns. It began as a Center focused on health promotion and disease prevention, but thanks to the tireless work of community leaders and Dr. Patty Gerrity, it quickly evolved into a comprehensive, nurse-managed, federally qualified health center.

In 1998, the center received a Health Resources and Services Administration grant for over \$3 million, which it used to build a state-of-the-art health center that was opened in 2002. That facility and the nurses that manage it now provide primary care, behavioral health, dental health and health and wellness programs to more than 2,500 adult patients annually. In fact, in 2011, the Center provided 30,000 patient visits to a section of Philadelphia that has the highest percentage of unemployed adults, the highest percentage of families living in poverty and the highest rate of diabetes in Philadelphia.

Not only does the Center serve as a creative model to address chronic health issues in underserved communities, it also serves as a great educational tool. As operated by the Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions, the Center encourages employment in the health care field and provides nursing students with the opportunity to learn, first-hand, the skills needed to work in today's health care industry.

As we move forward with the ongoing fight to ensure that quality and affordable care is accessible to all Americans, I strongly recommend that we learn from and seek to emulate innovative models like the 11th Street Family Health Services Center. It effectively serves our most vulnerable citizens, improves their general health and in doing so reduces the burden on our larger hospitals while decreasing medical costs in the long-term.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARY PAT SEURKAMP

● Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the outstanding leadership and accomplishments of Mary Pat Seurkamp, Ph.D., president of Notre Dame of Maryland University.

The College of Notre Dame of Maryland was founded in Baltimore by the School Sisters of Notre Dame to educate women and the poor. The institution was chartered in 1895 and was known as the College of Notre Dame of Maryland until September of 2011, when it was officially renamed Notre Dame of Maryland University. The undergraduate Women's College of the School of Arts and Sciences remains at the heart of the university and is the only women's college in Maryland. Under Dr. Seurkamp's leadership, Notre Dame of Maryland has flourished as one of the Nation's strongest women's institutions, fully embracing its role in preparing young women to understand and meet society's challenges.

Under Dr. Seurkamp's leadership, the college has also found new ways to meet society's needs. The Accelerated College was founded to help working women and men earn their undergraduate degrees. Now known as the College of Adult Undergraduate Studies, this division has continued to adapt to the needs of working adults

and community institutions, offering courses on the Baltimore campus and at regional higher education centers and partnering hospitals.

Dr. Seurkamp, responding to expanding job opportunities in the area of health care, worked to found the Notre Dame of Maryland University School of Pharmacy, the second pharmacy school in Maryland and the first at a women's college in the United States. The School of Pharmacy, like the new School of Nursing and the School of Education, offers professional education rooted in the Catholic tradition of the liberal arts and service to others.

As part of the implementation of the campus's 20-year master plan, Dr. Seurkamp worked not only to enhance the beauty of the university grounds but also to ensure that university buildings are environmentally sustainable.

Dr. Seurkamp has been honored with numerous leadership awards, as well as the papal honor of Dame of the Order of St. Gregory. Her work reminds us of the critical role that higher education plays in defining our country's workforce and shaping our country's future.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Seurkamp on her 15 years of outstanding accomplishments as president of Notre Dame University of Maryland and in wishing her well in her retirement.●

RECOGNIZING HOSMER, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Hosmer, SD. The town of Hosmer will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding this year.

Hosmer was platted on May 9, 1887. The name Hosmer comes from Stella A. Hosmer, who was the wife of a railroad agent from Illinois. A great majority of Hosmer's residents claim German-Russian as their ancestry. Because of this heritage, the early settlers were able to thrive in the harsh South Dakota conditions which proved to be similar to those of their home countries.

From the beginning, Hosmer has been known to provide excellent services to its citizens. In the 1920s, the town prided itself on its fine educational system, as well as a road system that was well ahead of its time. Hosmer maintained a strong business reputation in the mid-1900s, when Dun and Bradstreet gave its businesses some of the best credit ratings of any Midwestern city. Hosmer's citizens are strong and determined like their ancestors. They have endured the hardships that are common in rural communities and have not only survived but have excelled.

Hosmer has been a successful community for the past 125 years, and I am confident that it will continue to serve as an example of South Dakota values and traditions. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of

Hosmer on this landmark occasion and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO MIKE SHAW

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I want to recognize Mike Shaw, an outstanding Coloradan and this year's recipient of the prestigious TIME Dealer of the Year award. This award is given to outstanding new-car dealers who have also performed community service and exhibited a commitment to improving the world. Mike is an exceptional business owner in Colorado, an active philanthropist, and a role model in his community. I applaud Mike's achievement and would like to take a few moments to share his work with you.

Mike has long been devoted to serving his community, a value that was instilled early in his life. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Vietnam, and as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I want to extend my gratitude for his service to our country.

After returning home and entering the new-car business, Mike opened the Mike Shaw Chevrolet Saab dealership in the heart of Denver. Today he is the owner of seven dealerships throughout Colorado, Louisiana, and Texas. Mike's entrepreneurial spirit serves as a perfect example of how small businesses take root and help drive our economy, creating jobs and taking care of their customers and communities.

The auto industry has served as the backbone of American manufacturing. When it was hit hard by the 2008 recession and neared bankruptcy in 2009, thousands of dealerships across the country were at risk of closing. I had the privilege of working with Mike to help give these important Colorado businesses and the jobs they support a second chance. He stood up to inform Congress of the actual impacts of closing auto dealerships and helped promote solutions to keep them in business. He has been a steadfast leader in Colorado, and we can all learn from his principled approach. As Mike says, "My mantra in business is that quality comes first, customers are always the focus, and integrity is never compromised."

I also want to commend him for his commitment to expanding education and opportunity for the youth in our State. His reach has extended to countless organizations and boards on which he has served or contributed to in other ways. The Denver Zoological Foundation, the Urban League of Denver, Kempe Children's Foundation, the National Western Stock Show Association, and St. Joseph Hospital Foundation are just a few that have felt his impact.

His exceptional leadership in the auto industry and involvement with these important community partners has earned Mike the Dealer of the Year award. His achievements are far-reach-

ing, and each one of them is in the spirit of service to his community.

Mike is a determined and selfless community leader whose drive has helped provide our children a brighter future and made Colorado a better place to live. I extend to him my congratulations for being honored as the 2012 TIME Dealer of the Year, and I look forward to his continued leadership throughout Colorado.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:04 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1134. An act to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

At 11:07 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3413. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 1449 West Avenue in Bronx, New York, as the "Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office".

H.R. 3637. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Old Dixie Highway in Jupiter, Florida, as the "Roy Schallern Rood Post Office Building".

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1710. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, as the James M. Fitzgerald United States Courthouse.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution to establish the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 21, 2013.

S. Con. Res. 36. Concurrent resolution to authorize the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

At 4:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 571. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE, a Representative from the State of New Jersey.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1710. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, as the James M. Fitzgerald United States Courthouse.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3413. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1449 West Avenue in Bronx, New York, as the "Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3637. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Old Dixie Highway in Jupiter, Florida, as the "Roy Schallern Rood Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 6, 2012, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1134. An act to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5191. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Wooden Handicrafts from China" ((RIN0579-AC90) (Docket No. APHS-2007-0117)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5192. A communication from the Manager of the BioPreferred Program, Office of Procurement and Property Management, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Biobased Items for Federal Procurement" (RIN0503-AA39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5193. A communication from the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation's fiscal year 2011 annual report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5194. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of seven (7) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5195. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the